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Train Spills Fuel on Railroad Bed

A Union Pacific train leaked approximately 1,100 gallons of diesel fuel onto the railroad bed just south of the intersection of Rock Prairie Road and Welborn Road after a fuel tank sustained damage somewhere in Grimes County or southern Brazos County.

Emergency responders received this call at approximately 7:19 am this morning. On arrival, fire department personnel observed diesel fuel leaking from around a flange fitting on a fuel tank of the third of four engines. Personnel trained in hazardous materials response were able to slow the leak to a trickle, but approximately 1,100 gallons of fuel spilled at the location where the train was stopped. The tank had originally contained 5,000 gallons of fuel and when responders arrived on the scene the tank contained approximately 3,500 gallons. Approximately 2,400 gallons of fuel were eventually offloaded to a tank truck for disposal.

There were several reports of grade crossings south of the city that were contaminated by diesel fuel and the South Brazos County Volunteer Fire Department responded to these calls. No major roads in the City or county were blocked during the incident.

The situation was under control at 10:58 am. Environmental remediation experts with Union Pacific Railroad were on scene to clean up the contaminated areas. This process is being monitored by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

Approximately 20 personnel from the College Station Fire Department, City of College Station Emergency Management, the College Station Police Department, the South Brazos County Volunteer Fire Department, the Brazos County Sheriff's Department, and Brazos County Constables were utilized at the scene.

For further information contact College Station Fire Department Public Information Officer Bart Humphreys at 979-764-3708.

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